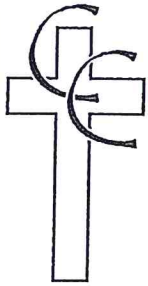


February
2015



CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOLLOWER

Pastor's Corner

Blessings to you as we begin our second month of 2015. Believe it or not we will begin Lent this year on the 18th of the month! For our Lenten practice this year I have been looking at Rick Warren's The Daniel Plan. It is ideally suited for a Lenten discipline because the plan lasts for 40 days. The hope is that at the end of the 40 days you have formed some wonderful, lasting habits.

During my sabbatical I had it reinforced how important taking care of yourself is. God has given us our bodies and minds to be used in service to him each day. It is up to us to care for these bodies and minds that God has entrusted us with! We live in a day and age when we see our life compartmentalized and seeing the connections between how things work together is harder. God has created us as physical beings, mental beings, spiritual beings, and social beings. We need all four working together to keep each part working in the best possible way.

How might we do this? I believe The Daniel Plan has done an outstanding job at linking these areas together in a very holistic way! The plan is very managea-

ble and very forgiving. It allows for mistakes, and it the same time give the grace to pick up again. It is something that can be done by absolutely everyone, regardless of age. For example, the best exercises? The one YOU can do on a regular basis! Don't force yourself to do something that you will have a hard time sustaining over the long haul. Yes, there are exercises that build better endurance, are better for strength. But, in the end the one that you personally can do on a regular basis is the best one for you!

Forty days is a time tested, God given span to engrain good habits that lead to a better life. If you are interested in joining us, just let me know!

God's blessings for a wonderful month of February and a blessed beginning to Lent!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Prayers

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Maddie Travers	<i>K Barla</i>
Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Deb Person	<i>K Person</i>
Athena Krueger	<i>S Grasmon</i>	Nancy Berry	<i>B Beckman</i>
Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>	Megan Hoffman	<i>K Barla</i>
Jon Hackmann	<i>M Hackmann</i>	Annie Wilner-Miller	<i>D Boen</i>



Worship

Sunday Morning 8:30 and 10:30am
Sunday School 9:30 - 10:20am
Saturday evening 5:30pm

Radio Broadcast of Service:

Sundays, 7:30am -K100FM

Faithful 15 Podcast

www.crossofcalvary.net and on iTunes



Wednesday, January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council Vice President Sandra Whited.

Members present: *Sandy Whited, Natasha Johnson, David Torgelson, Eric Skeie, Michelle Jensen, DeeAnne Newville, Cindy Johnson, Dave Altmann, Todd Gay, Aaron Thompson*

Staff members present: *Matt Hausken, Chelsey Plumley, Laurie Schultze*

Devotions were led by DeeAnne.

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Eric, seconded by Aaron, motion carried.

Financial Secretary / Treasurer Report - December

The report was reviewed.

A motion to approve the Fin. Sec. / Treasurer Report was made by Dave A, seconded by Natasha J, motion carried.

Curt Sather presented the budget for 2015. Following clarification and the addition of \$2400 for seed money for the 125th celebration, *a motion was made by DeeAnne to approve the budget and forward it to the Annual Meeting, seconded by Michelle, motion carried.*

Pastor's Report-

Pastor will be using Rick Warren's health and wellness book, "The "Daniel Plan" for Lent. Visits continue, as many people are suffering illness. He asked to keep everyone in our prayers. He is continuing with Confirmation and other activities, including a new Bible study for HS.

The Faith 5 Team has been meeting and formulating plans.

Minister of Faith Formation's Report-

Wow, WeeWow and the kids' choirs met today. Chelsey is going to Detroit for the ELCA Youth Worker event. There she will get specific training for the youth trip to Detroit. The Gustavus Lock in is scheduled for February. Fund raisers are going on—pizza sales and National Gathering.

Youth Ministry- Did not meet.

Equipping the Congregation – Did not meet

Outreach – Did not meet

Administration– Did not meet

OLD BUSINESS

125th Anniversary

- Celebration on Nov. 1st.
- Pastor will head up a committee to put together a history (book or display TBD)
- A new pictorial directory will be done. Natasha Johnson has generously volunteered to take the photos. Sandy Whited will assist with this project. They are looking for additional help.

NEW BUSINESS

- *A motion was made by Eric to approve the agenda for the Annual Meeting, seconded by Natasha, motion carried.*
- Eric will arrange for tellers.
- Election of Council officers will take place in Pastor's office following the Annual Meeting.

- Christmas eve services were adjusted to 4:30 and 9:00 (rather than 10:00).

February Communion 1, 15, 22
Ash Wed.

8:30 Todd 10:30 Natasha
Devotions—Natasha

Next Council meeting is Wed, Feb 18, at 7:45, following the Ash Wednesday Service.

Closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Schultze, Council Recorder

Confirmation Suppers. Would you consider working with a friend/family to prepare and serve a simple meal to our confirmation student on Wed nights? Approximately 25 kids roll in after school activities...hungry for supper and for time spent with Pastor and the small group leaders! The meal is served from 5:45 to 6:20. The confirmation parents are the first to volunteer, but there are more class dates than families. More information and a sign-up sheet is on the BOARD.

SOUP SUPPERS start in February

Great fellowship is waiting, how about signing up to host coffee?!?!?



CLICKERS?!?! How about you? Two or three new volunteers would be great! Training takes about 30 minutes, and for the first several times you click, a trained person is sitting with you. How often, and at which service, you'd like to volunteer is up to you. Give Laurie a call 320-523-1574.

Thank you! Placing messages, donations, registrations, etc. in the mailbox outside the office door works GREAT!!!

Volunteer... *Honey-Do* List

Do you have the know-how, the tools, the time?

- Pastor needs some shelving in his office.
Would require securing to concrete block wall

If you notice something that may need to be added to the *Honey-Do* list, please let Laurie know about it. Please include your name on the request, so clarifying questions may be asked and/or additional information shared.

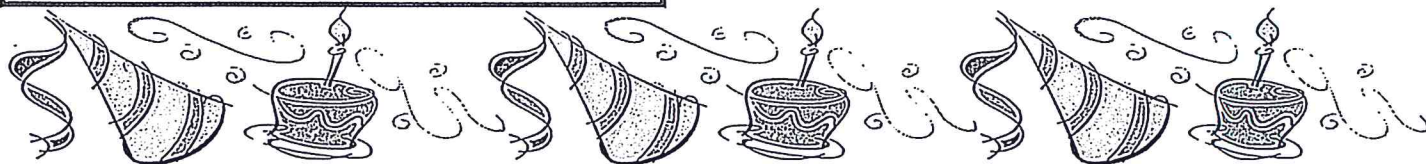
Welcome to membership through Baptism

Nolan - Jason and Jessica Grund



Just Married

Kevin and Beth Schultze



02/01	Balgaard, Joanne	02/09	Agre, Douglas	02/21	Blad, Jennifer
02/01	Skeie, Eric	02/10	Revier, Erma	02/22	Ledeboer, Vonna
02/01	Torkelson, Connor	02/10	Wagner, Seth	02/22	Marguth, Randy
02/01	Meints, Kaydence	02/10	Prokosch, Broderick	02/23	Siems, Dirk
02/02	Hagen, Dick	02/10	Blad, Connor	02/23	Serbus, Taylor
02/02	Metteer, Bruce	02/11	Wertish, Kelsey	02/23	Mallak, Travis
02/02	Flom, Nathan	02/11	Paulsen, Allie	02/23	Haugen, Brandy
02/03	Kadelbach, Teeny	02/12	Amberg, Robin	02/24	Johnson, Marge
02/03	Larson, Stacey	02/12	Beckler, Krista	02/24	Steffel, Jody
02/03	Wick, Thomas	02/12	Visser, MacKenzie	02/24	Weis, Curt
02/04	Siems (Beckler), McKenna	02/12	Osthus, Logan	02/24	Jacobson, Tammy
02/05	Youngkrantz, Porter	02/14	Altmann, Sue	02/24	Visser, Jennifer
02/06	Dietrich, Amy	02/14	Hanson, Jill	02/24	Holland, Delaney
02/06	Olson, Clint	02/14	Thompson, Heather	02/24	Schwer, Chase
02/06	Hennen, Tosha	02/15	Tesch, Lynn	02/25	Alton, Sharon
02/07	Mitchell, Patsy	02/16	Wertish, Bob	02/25	Robideau, Zach
02/08	Woltjer, Michael	02/16	Aumer, Dennis	02/25	Schwer, Cassandra
02/08	Garcia, George[V]	02/16	Samuelson, Mary	02/26	Trochlil, Barb
02/08	Maurice, Kayla	02/17	Altmann, Chloe	02/26	Kingstrom, Cory
02/08	Brustuen, Jacob	02/18	Kopacek, Judy	02/26	Rock, Tyler
02/08	Revier, Emily	02/18	Knoke, Lyn	02/27	Honzay, Christopher
02/08	Hilgert, Kaylee	02/19	Steffel, Tami	02/27	Serbus, Carson
		02/20	Newville, DeeAnne	02/28	Cole, Cody

Volunteers

FEBRUARY	TIME	NAME
Communion	8:30	T Gay
	10:30	N Johnson
Ushers	8:30	T Gay, D Sagedah, S Malecek, B Boen
	10:30	A Thompson, C Gluesing
Altar Guild		L Blem, L Frank
Acolytes		M Ridler, E Whited



Prayer List Information

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews & office, or use the Prayer Page at crossofcalvary.net
- Names will remain on the list as indicated on the request form and then removed (max of one month).
- If you feel someone should remain on the list, please resubmit the name to the office.

Sunday Volunteers Reminders for ushers, acolytes, communion servers, Altar Guild, readers, musicians, technology and staff.

Communion – Feb 1, 15, 18, 22

Good to know...

Emergency/Pastoral Care - Please have a family member or friend notify the church. You may also request hospital staff to call on your behalf. Call day or night at 523-1574. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

No one was able to answer your call? 320-523-1574

- Wait for the extension of the staff member you want to contact.
- Call the cell number given. They will pick up the call if able.
- Leave a message on their cell phones. Staff can check cell messages while out of the office and are more likely to return your call faster.
- If you prefer, leave a message on the church answering system.

The FOLLOWER deadline is always the 15th.

Assemble the Follower at 1pm, Tues, February 24.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline is Thurs. by noon.

Food Shelf – ___pounds to the Renville County Food Shelf. *Thank you, donors!*



Business

- New Members are welcomed anytime. Contact Pastor or Laurie.
- Contact the office when needing to borrow anything from church.
- The *FOLLOWER* and weekly bulletin are available at crossofcalvary.net.
- *The Faithful 15* is a weekly, 15-minute podcast available on our website and on iTunes.
- The large-print order of service is often found in the display rack
- We are no longer accepting used printer or toner cartridges.

Gifts of fresh cut flowers for the Altar

- Choose a date and sign up on the Board.
- Call or email Laurie in the office to indicate what you'd like in the bulletin – in celebration of, in honor of, in memory of. Note: without a designation, no reference will be printed.
- Have flowers delivered by 4pm on Saturday or on Thursday in the summer.



WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry...

MARCH is our month

- Look for the sign up sheet on the BOARD or call Laurie in the office. 523-1574
- Choose the route you prefer—North or South
- Choose individual days or a week...or more.
- Partner with a friend or family. Have some fun!

THANK YOU!

There is no thank you big enough...but we'll try!

Outgoing Council Members—Brian Boen, Sandy Whited and Dave Altmann. Your service was a blessing.

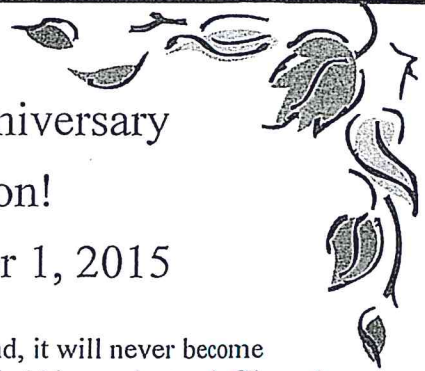
Thank you to the Nominating Committee, for all your hard work.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued willingness to serve.

We can't help but wonder what God is holding in store for us in 2015?

125th Anniversary
Celebration!

November 1, 2015



New Directory! And, it will never become obsolete, as it will be held in an electronic file and can be printed at anytime. A HUGE thank you goes out to Nataschia Johnson! She has offered to take all the photos. CofC will have the digitals to share with you. No need to purchase expensive portraits. Sandy Whited has also volunteered to help with the project. It's a big one, and these two ladies cannot do it themselves. A brief planning meeting is needed...and you are too. Call Laurie and let her know you willing to help, and she'll keep you posted.

History Book / Display! Pastor Matt is really excited about this one...so excited he's going to head up the committee. Let's not leave Pastor as a committee of just one. Give him a call at 320-579-0839.

Special Worship Service! What might we include in worship to make this thanksgiving celebration special? Pastor would LOVE your ideas.

Catered Meal!! Wow, how easy is the planning for this going to be? Get together with a couple friends/family and jump into this project. Give Pastor or Laurie a call.

NEW OFFICE SOFTWARE for housing membership information

Keep a look out over the next couple weeks! We'll be gathering your membership data for the new system. What you need to know...

- We will NOT transfer data from the old program in order to insure that we will have your most current information. All communication (including the Follower) will be sent out using the new program.
- Electronic Option — Quickly add your information electronically from your home computers. A link will be sent via email. Your data will be automatically sent to the church.
- Borrow a Computer Option — For several Sundays a laptop computer and a helper will be available to assist you in entering your information. Or, stop by and see Laurie in the office.
- Paper Option — If you need a paper form, they will be available in the Narthex on the literature rack. Place yours in the lock-box outside the office door.
- Questions? Contact Laurie 523-1574

124th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING of CROSS OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council chair Brian Boen called the 124th Annual Congregational meeting of Cross of Calvary Church to order on January 25, 2015. He presented the agenda to the congregation. No changes or additions were made. *A motion was made by Chet Boen to adopt the agenda for the congregational meeting, seconded by Gordy Blem, motion carried.*

Brian announced the appointed tellers as Eric Skeie, Greg Mertens and Ron Nelson. *A motion was made by Jill Hanson to approve the tellers, seconded by DeeAnne Neville, motion carried.*

Laurie Schultze was appointed as recorder to take minutes for the meeting. *A motion was made by Lynn Tesch to approve the secretary, seconded by Cindy Johnson, motion carried.*

A quorum was declared with over 60 voting members present.

Devotions were led by Pasto Matt, as read from the inside cover of the report.

The ushers distributed the ballots. Brian reviewed the ballot and opened the floor for any additional nominations. No changes were made to the ballot. *A motion to approve the ballot was made by Dana Boen, seconded by Becky Nelson, motion carried.*

Pastor Matt Hausken thanked the Congregation for their support and prayers last year at this time. He missed the Annual Meeting due to the passing of his father. Pastor then thanked the outgoing council members – Brian Boen, Sandy Whited and Dave Altmann. He also thanked the staff and volunteers for serving the church throughout the year.

Pastor noted that there were 19 baptisms in 2014, and there were many new members added. We have grown to 1044 members; what a blessing. Pastor pointed out that with growth comes many opportunities to serve. This year's Lenten journey will follow Rick Warren's "The Daniel Plan." The book can be purchased at most locations that sell books. It is also available in electronic format. The Faith 5 Steering Committee is working on some wonderful plans.

Brian asked if there were any changes to the record of Pastoral Acts and the reports from the Synod and Gustavus. all as printed in the Annual Report. Having none, *Angie Boen made a motion to accept the reports, seconded by Sandy Gay, motion carried.*

Brian asked the congregation to review the standing committee reports as written in the annual report. Having done so, *Sandy Whited made a motion to accept the*

standing committee reports, seconded by Cheryl Mallak, motion carried.

Brian asked the congregation to review the financial reports as presented in the annual report. Having done so, *a motion to accept the financial reports were made by George Tesch, seconded by Todd Gay, motion carried.*

Curt Sather, treasurer, presented the proposed budget for 2015, which had been forwarded from the council. He began by sharing the Council's thanks to the congregation, as we are in good financial standing. Curt stated that this year's budget is a little more than last year's, and walked the congregation through the layout. He also explained the reasoning for the increase in Pastor's benefit package and made note of the extra \$2400 to use for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Curt Sather made a motion to approve the 2015 budget, seconded by Todd Gay, motion carried.

Pastor Matt closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction. *A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Virginia Draheim, seconded by Becky Nelson, motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Schultze, Recorder

Election results:

Congregation Council 3, 3 yr. terms: Steve Altmann, John Hawkinson, Bobbi Kopel

Auditing Committee 3 yr. term: Lisa Meints

Nominating Committee 3 yr. term: Jessie Dresser

Endowment Fund 3 yr. term: Tami Stovem

Head Usher & Assistance 1 yr term:

Head- Daren Sagedahl Asst.- Kristi O'Neill

Congregation Representative to Synod and Conference, 1 yr term: Paul Buhr, Carole, Buhr, Sydney Slagter

Representatives to Gustavus Adolphus, 1 yr Term: Barry and Kathy Slagter

Council Officers:

President: Todd Gay

Vice President: DeeAnne Neville

C of C Youth NEWS February

Greetings!

A new month, a new set of awesome stuff to look for!
We are looking for more members for our Youth Board, if interested please contact Chelsey – 320.522.3279

DETROIT

Join the National Gathering participants for a Breakfast February 15th at 9:30.

Our National Gathering participants want to find a way to not only serve nationally on our trip, but to give back to our community right here.

We are hosting a food DRIVE - In honor of the Motor City, we want to gather enough food items to build a car!

We will begin our food DRIVE with the Souper Bowl of Caring and continue until our car is built! More info will be given out Feb 8th.

A Lock-In led by Gustavus Adolphus college students

February 20-21st Overnight : 8pm-8am

Grades 6-8 --Limited to 30 kids

Sign up by February 13th - Friend's invited!

ADULT SUPERVISORS ARE NEEDED!

CHECK IT OUT

• Souper Bowl of Caring – bring change for our Noisy offering!

• Feb 6th – Sr. High Gathering Reg DUE

• Feb 8th – Choirs Sing - Camp Sunday

• Feb 15th – National Gathering – Detroit – Breakfast
• CLOCK: 6:10 @ Cross of Calvary

• Feb 20th – Gustavus Lock In – rescheduled from Nov.

• March 6th – Sr. High Gathering in Mankato

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Feb 8th

E Elbert, R. Sigurdson, K. Larson

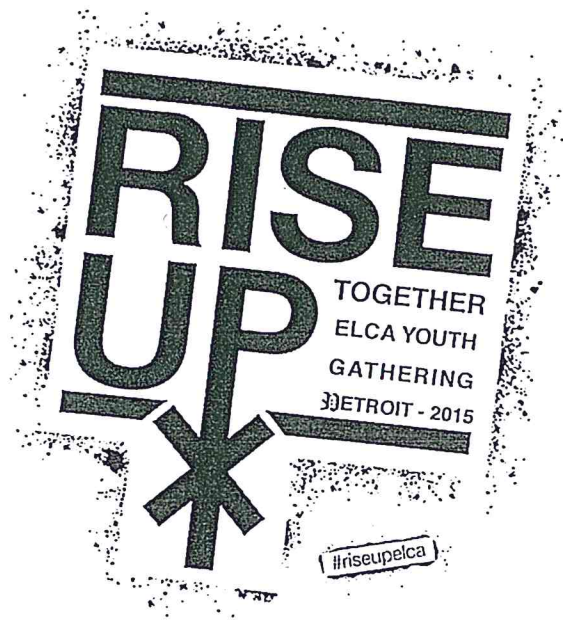
Feb 22nd

D. Sagedahl, C. Bellig, D. Prokosch,



WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

Who	When	Where	What
Souper Bowl of Caring presented by WoW	Feb 1 9:30	Cross of Calvary	Our annual event to help raise money and items for our local Food Shelf. Please bring food items and change for our noisy offering. All proceeds go to RC Food Shelf.
Junior and Cherub Choirs Gr. K-5	Feb 8 th	Cross of Calvary	Our youngest choir members have been working hard this past month on some fun praise songs. Worship with us during 8:30 service and very beginning of 10:30 worship.
Grades 9-12 th Sr. High Gathering	Reg. due Feb 6 th	Marriott, Mankato, MN	A time of lively worship, dancing, games, peer-led small group discussions, LYO elections, and faith building moments. Held March 6 th -7 th in Mankato.
2 nd -12 th Camp Sunday graders and parents	Feb 15 th	Cross of Calvary	During Sunday School opening come hear some of the great things Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp has to offer. We will also be drawing for Camp Scholarships. Early Bird deadline is March 1 6 th .



WHY DETROIT?

Detroit, the host city for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering, is a diverse, distinct city with a rich history. The birthplace of the car industry and Motown music, Detroit also played a critical role in the underground railroad and in the industrialization of America. Although the media would have you believe Detroit is on the verge of collapse — its residents know a different story.

The city they know, our host city, has faced and continues to face its share of challenges. Yet there is a growing revitalization effort underway, and we believe God is calling us to Detroit for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering to learn from and serve among our brothers and sisters there.

Downtown Detroit, where the two main venues for the Gathering are located, is a hub of vibrancy and activity. With new companies headquartered downtown and more than 11,000 new employees working and living in the city, Detroit is home to many young adults at the beginning of their professional careers. With great architecture, cultural opportunities and winning sports teams, Detroit has much to offer visitors.

The Detroit metro area is also the home to several faithful ELCA congregations who are living out their faith in new and exciting ways. Take Grace in Action, for instance. Grace in Action is an ELCA faith community dedicated to reclaiming the mission of the church, being transformed by God and each other and building a more just society for all of God's people. The ministries at Grace in Action are inspired by the visions and dreams of people in the community: open mic night, citizenship class, prayer group and more. That is just one story from Detroit.

Detroit has much to teach us about being a part of what God is up to at this time in our history. The story youth and their adult leaders will hear there, and will proclaim there, is that Jesus endured death for us, and Jesus rose from the grave in fulfillment of God's plan, to make us worthy in Christ, to write us into a new story in which we are free from our fears of the powers of sin, death and the devil.

There are many people in Detroit who know experiences of death, and there are many Lutherans, and brothers and sisters from partner communions who stand alongside the citizens of Detroit with the cross, proclaiming healing and wholeness in the midst of the death and despair. God is calling us to bear witness to their story, and to his creative and redeeming story of death and resurrection.

We will gather in Detroit in July 2015 to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God's work in the world.

Thank you for joining us with your support and prayers,
Cross of Calvary Youth to Detroit

A Few
of my
Favorite
Things

Scrap/Craft/Quilt Spring Retreat

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

March 5-7, 2015
Thurs – Doors open at 5:30pm
Fri – 8AM to 10pm (or later)
Sat – 8AM to 7:30PM

Location: Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church
 1103 W Chestnut Ave. Olivia, MN

Contact: Laurie Schultze—church office

Phone: 320-523-1574

Email: crossofcalvary@gmail.com

Website: crossofcalvary.net

What to bring:

- Personal Crafting Supplies
- Task light, **extension cord, multi-plugs**
- Comfortable task chair (optional)
- Snacks to share—participants will contribute to the coffee shop snack supply (munchies, sweets, fruit, etc.)
- Sign up your friends and family!

- **Come and Go atmosphere** (according to your needs)
- **Breakfast & Lunch included on Friday & Saturday**
 Meals are prepared for us, and each participant will be assigned a meal time to serve and clean up. Be sure to indicate when you will be here for meals.
- **“Solid Ground Coffee Shop” - coffee, tea, soda, water** (sweets and snacks shared among participants)
- **Prayer and Praise time**

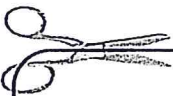
Don't delay! Spaces fill up FAST!

NEW

REGISTER ONLINE (click the link, or copy and paste into your browser)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v0fx8rndNm79K4r6d6lQntuvMPflyAS5yGY18M3zy_c/viewform?usp=send_form

NEW



Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of craft _____

Arrival day _____ Est time _____

Departure day _____ Est. time _____

I will help set up at 4:00 on Thurs

I will help tidy up on Sat. evening

Please check the meals for which you will be joining us:

Friday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

Saturday _____ 9:30 Breakfast _____ 1:30 Lunch

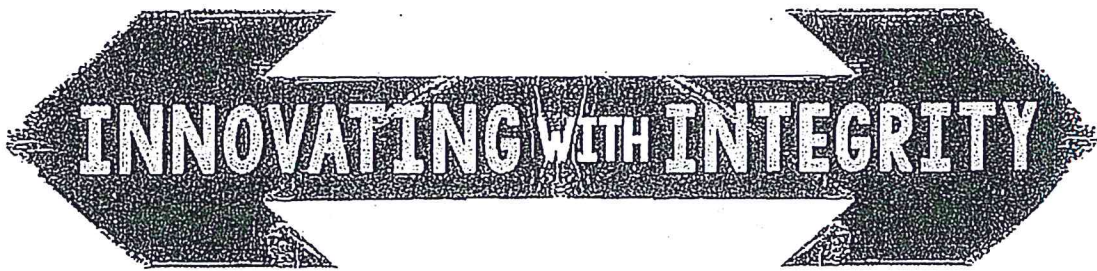
Note: Even if you think you may be here at meal time, check it.
 What to do if you didn't check a meal, and you will be around at mealtime...eat with us! There's plenty! Really!!!

Registration due Feb 15
Fee \$30

Please make checks payable to "Cross of Calvary." Registration can be dropped off or mailed to the address above. Registration confirmation and follow-up information will be sent to you after your form and fees are received.

Events for February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30 and 10:30 Worship Donations – Souper Bowl of Caring	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30	Confirmation – Meal 5:45 – Class 6:30 WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30	Quilters 9:00am	Sr. High Gathering registration is due	Worship 5:30
8:30 and 10:30 Worship Kids' Choirs sing at both services Conference Meeting 2pm	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30	Confirmation – Meal 5:45 – Class 6:30 WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30	Quilters 9:00am		Worship 5:30
8:30 and 10:30 Worship Follower Deadline Camp Sunday – everything you need to know at 9:30 Nat. Gatherng Breakfast and food drive 9:30	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am	Ash Wed – Noon / 7pm Confirmation 7pm (bring \$ soup supper) WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30 Council 7:45pm	Quilters 9:00am	Gustavus Lock- In	Worship 5:30
8:30 and 10:30 Worship	Library reserved 6:00- 8:00pm Ruth Circle at Parkview 1:30	Men's Bible Study 6:15am & 7:00am Assemble the Follower 1pm	Confirmation 7pm (bring \$ soup supper) Lent Service 7pm WOW, WeeWOW, Kids' Choirs 3:15-4:30	Dorcas Circle 9:30am Quilters 9:00am		Equipping Congregations Day Worship 5:30



2015 Equipping Congregations Day

All are welcome!

Saturday, February 28, 2015 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN

The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado and author of the bestselling Theological memoir, *Pastrix: The Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint*. Join us to hear Pastor Nadia as she takes a look at creatively engaging the liturgical year and the broader community while staying deeply rooted in tradition.

We will also be closing out the day with a video message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton.

Choose from 30 different workshops to attend throughout the day.

Call Laurie to register 523-1574 Due Date – FEBRUARY 11

WORKSHOPS Attend your choice of 3 of the following workshops:

- Becoming an Effective Treasurer
- Conflict Management
- Mental Health
- The Rise of the "None's" and "Spiritual But Not Religious"
- Abundant Aging
- Tradition & Innovation: Moving Worship Forward With Integrity In A Time of Change
- Exploring Alternative Liturgies
- Ministry that Comes with Age
- Living in Stories
- Story of Adolescence
- Story of Faith Community
- Going Green
- Innovating Confirmation - Working Together For Justice And Peace
- Stewardship's Flip-Side: Recognizing and Removing Obstacles to Generosity
- Dealing with Change Dynamics in Congregations
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